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FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO AMCONSUL LUANDA

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SUBJECT: SAFETY OF DUTCH PRIESTS IN ANGOLA

1. FORMER PRIME MINISTER PIET DE JONG, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S PARTY AND A GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, TELEPHONED CHARGE JULY 10 IN DE JONG'S CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF CEBEMO (ROUGHLY TRANSLATED AS ORGANIZATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES), A NETHERLANDS-BASED INTERNATIONAL WELFARE AGENCY WHICH DIRECTS THE WORK OF SOME 7500 CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN 90 COUNTRIES. NOTING THAT CEBEMO HAS 40 QTE WHITE-SKINNED UNQTE DUTCH PRIESTS IN ANGOLA , DE JONG SAID THAT THE POLICY OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS TO MAINTAIN PRIESTS IN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AS LONG AS IT WAS HUMANLY FEASIBLE AND CONDITIONS DID NOT BECOME TOO THREATENING. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN ANGOLA, HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE ADVICE OF US AUTHORITIES THERE ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE SECURITY OF DUTCH PRIESTS. HE PARTICULARLY HOPED THAT IF AN IMMINENT THREAT DEVELOPED US AUTHORITIES, AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE, WOULD LET HIM KNOW PROMPTLY SO THAT HE COULD WITHDRAW THE PRIESTS IN TIME.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S QUESTION DE JONG SAID HE HAD

MADE A SIMILAR REQUEST OF THE DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE  
STATIONED IN LUANDA BUT HE FELT IT PRUDENT TO DOUBLE  
CHECK WITH HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS. CHARGE TOLD DE JONG HE  
WOULD RELAY HIS REQUEST TO OUR CONSUL GENERAL IN LUANDA AND ASK  
FOR HIS COOPERATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER  
INFORMATION LUANDA CAN SUPPLY AT THIS TIME AND WOULD HOPE  
THAT WE COULD BE INFORMED IF AN IMMINENT THREAT DEVELOPS  
SO THAT WE CAN PASS THE WORD TO DE JONG.  
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